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His Majesties  
**MESSAGE**

TO THE  
*LORDS* and *COMMONS*  
in Parliament, Sept. 5.

Together with  
*A Declaration of the Lords and  
Commons in Parliament.*

In Answer to the said  
**MESSAGE.**

Also the honourable Answer and Petition  
of the Lords and Commons assembled in Par-  
liament unto the Kings last Message bearing  
date the fifth of September.

*Lune 5. September, 1642.*

Ordered by the *LORDS* and *COMMONS* in  
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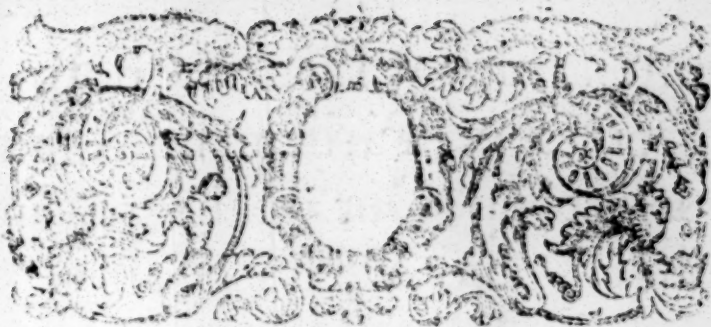


*Luna, Septem. 5. 1642.*

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## His MAIESTIE MESSAGE

To the Lords and Commons in Parliam-  
ment, *September the fifth.*

**W**Ee will not repeate what  
meanes Wee have used to  
prevent the dangerous  
and distracted estate of the King-  
dome, nor how those meanes have  
been interpreted, because being desi-  
rous to avoid effusion of blood,  
Wee are willing to decline all me-  
mory of former bitternesse that  
might make Our offer of a Treaty  
lesse readily accepted.

We never did Declare, or ever  
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intended to Declare both Our Houses of Parliament Traitors or set up Our Standard against them, and much lesse to put them and this Kingdome out of Our protection; Wee utterly Professe against it before God and the world And further, to remove all possible Scruples which may hinder the Treaty so much desired by Vs, We hereby promise, so that a day be appointed by you for the revoking of your Declarations against all Persons as Traitors or other-ways; for assisting of Vs, We shal with all cheerefullnesse upon the same day recall Our Proclamations and Declarations, and take down Our Standard; In which Treaty Wee shall bee ready to graunt any thing



thing that shal be really for the good  
of Our Subjects ; Conjuring you  
to consider the bleeding condition  
of *Ireland*, and the dangerous con-  
dition of *England*, in as high a de-  
gree as by these Our offers Wee  
have declared Our selfe to do : And  
assuring you that our chiefe desire  
in this world is to beget a good un-  
derstanding and mutuall confidence  
betwixt Us and our two houses of  
Parliament.



*Luna*

A  
Declaration of the Lords  
and Commons in Parlia-  
ment ; In Answer to his  
Majesties Message,  
*Septem. Luna 5.*

**W**Hereas his Majesty in a Message received the 5. of September, requires that the Parliament would revoke their Declarations against such persons as have assisted His Majesty in this unnaturall war against His Kingdome ; It is this day ordered, and declared, by the Lords and Commons, that the armes which they have beene forced to take up, and shall be forced to take up, for the preservation of the Parliament, Religion, the Lawes and Liberties of the Kingdome, shall not be laid downe, untill His Majesty shall withdraw His Protection from such persons as have been voted by both Houses to be Delinquents, or that shall by both houses be voted to be Delinquents, and shall leave them to the Justice of the Parliament, to be proceeded with according to their demerits, to the end, that both this and succeeding generations may take warning with what danger they incur the like hainous crimes ; and also to the end that those great charges and dammages wherewithall the Common-wealth hath been burthened, in the premises sithence His Majesties departure from the Parliament, may be borne by the Delinquents and other malignant, and Disaffected Persons, And that all his Majesties good and well-affected Subjects, who by Loane of monies, or otherwise at their charge have assisted the Common-wealth, or shall in like manner hereafter assist the Common-wealth, in time of extreame danger, may be repayed all sums of money by them lent for those purposes, and be satisfied their charges so sustained, out of the said Delinquents, and of the malignant and disaffected party in this Kingdome.

To



To the Kings most Excellent  
Majesty, The humble answer and Pe-  
tition of the Lords and Commons assem-  
bled in Parliament unto the Kings last Mes-  
sage bearing date the fifth of *September*.

*May it please your Majesty.*

**I**F Wee the Lords and Commons in parliament as-  
sembled should repeat all the wais we have taken,  
the endeavours we have used, and the expressions  
wee have made unto your Majesty to prevent  
those distractions and dangers your Majesty speaks of, likely  
to fall upon this Kingdome, we should too much enlarge this  
reply, therefore as we humbly, so shall we only let your Maje-  
stie know, that we cannot recede from our former answer for  
the reasons there expressed, for that you have not taken down  
your Standard, recalled your Proclamations & Declarations,  
whereby you have declared the actions of both Houses of Par-  
liament to be reasonable, and their persons traytors, and you  
have published this same since the 25. of *Aug.* by your late in-  
structions sent to your Commissioners of Array, which Stan-  
dard being taken down, and the declarations, proclamations,  
and instructions recalled, if your Majesty shall then upon this  
our humble petition leaving your forces, returne unto your  
Parliament, and receive their faithfull advice, your Majesty  
will finde such expressions of our fidelity and duties as shal as-  
sure you that your safety, honour, and greatnesse can only bee  
found in the affections of your people, and the sincere Coun-  
sell of your Parliament, whose constant and undiscouraged  
endeavours and consultations have passed through difficulties  
unheard



unheard of, only to secure your Kingdomes from the violent  
mischiefs and dangers now ready to fall upon them, and eve-  
ry part of them who deserve better of your Majesty, and can  
never allow themselves (representing likewise your whole  
Kingdom) to be ballanced with those persons whose desperat  
dispositions & counsels prevail stil so to interrupt al our indea-  
vours for the releeving of bleeding Ireland, as wee may feare  
our labours and vast expences will be fruitles to that distressed  
Kingdome, as your presence is thus desired by us, so it is our  
hopes your Majesty will in your reason beleve there is no o-  
ther way then this, to make your selfe happy and your King-  
dome safe.

*John Browne Cler. Parliam.*



*F J N J S.*





